

Sinclair Broadcasting is requiring their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. They justify this with claim the this is a "news documentary". Their power to do this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, when large companies have such broad control of the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced by a national conglomerate at "News Central" far away, it is important that we have real people from our own communities providing more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's partisan actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.